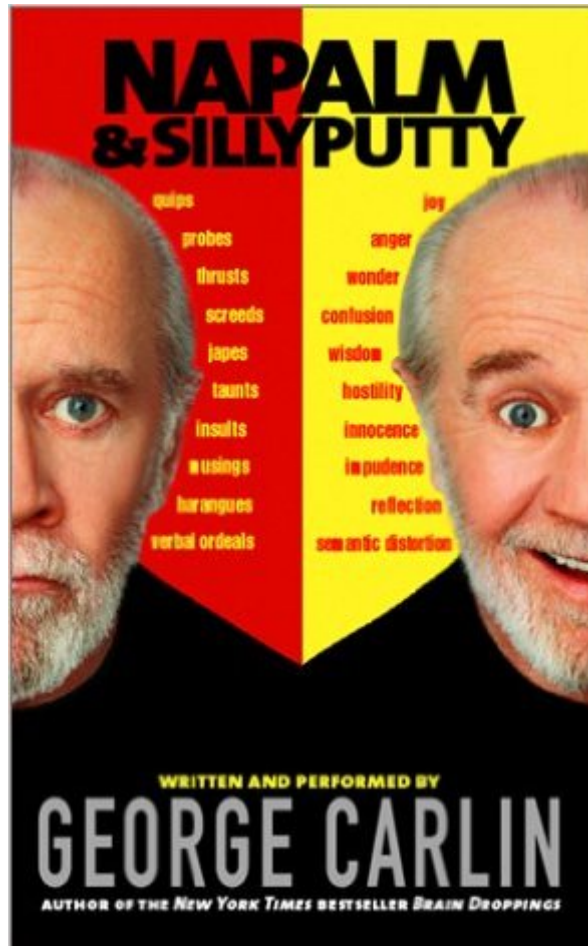


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# Napalm And Silly Putty



## Synopsis

He's the inventor of Past-Tense TV (featuring "Got Smart," "Father Knew Best," and "It Was Left to Beaver"); the tireless crusader for such charities as the Center for Research into the Heebie Jeebies, Children of Parents with Bad Teeth, and the State Hospital for Those Who Felt All Right About a Year Ago; founder of the George Carlin Book Club (top titles: "How to Act Laid-Back During a Grease Fire," "Fill Your Life with Croutons," and "The Meaning of Corn"); and the only social commentator with the guts to point out that "the day after tomorrow is the third day of the rest of your life." Yes, George Carlin is back with more of what he does better than any other comic today: uproarious observations, laser-targeted crankiness, linguistic legerdemain, and inspired weirdness. ("If the shoe fits, get another just like it." "When you sneeze, all the numbers in your head go up by one.") Napalm & Silly Putty is just what his fans have been waiting for—another generous helping of notions, nonsense, assertions, assumptions, mockery, merriment, silliness, sarcasm, and, to be sure, plenty of disturbing references and toxic alienation. George wouldn't have it any other way.

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## Customer Reviews

During George Carlin's four decades long comedy career he has been hailed as a comedic genius who has constantly pushed the envelope...and he is at his outrageous BEST in Napalm & Silly Putty. If you are a Carlin fan, you will LOVE this 269-page book, take it with you and re-read it often. If you don't know who he is and want to find out what all fuss is about after reading books on comedy, this will give you a good idea of who he is. You don't get his hilarious facial expressions here, or his act-enhancing body language, but you'll clearly see why he has been hailed as the true successor to Lenny Bruce....except for the fact that Carlin is more often than not hilarious. If you're

upset by x-rated language, this book isn't for you. *Napalm & Silly Putty* is actually divided into three sections throughout. His various routines on various subjects such as driving, cats, dogs and Jesus, his Short Takes, and his bits on the news. One of my favorite routines is his bit on the fear of germs, where he notes that "in prisons before they give you a lethal injection they swab your arm with alcohol... And you can see their point: wouldn't want some guy to go to hell AND besick..." Then there are many riffs on the news. and his Short Takes. Short Takes are in the form of hilarious one liners, short jokes and blunt-but-true observations ("Joan Rivers has turned into one of the people she used to make fun of.") This book is GREAT for a) anyone who loves to laugh, b) fans and collectors of comedy books, c) Carlin's fans, d) anyone interested in comedy writing or comedy. I always highlight comedy and joke books, then re-read the ones I like -- and when I re-read *Napalm & Silly Putty* I laugh out loud, all over again. Carlin is a treasure... and so is this book.

Those people who are offended by the humor in this book: do you even know who the hell George Carlin is? Why on earth would you buy his book, and then complain about angry, profanity-laced, pro-drug, anti-religion humor? It's like buying a gallon of milk when you know you're lactose intolerant. That's who George Carlin is! Why are you surprised? For those sane people who expect George Carlin humor when buying a George Carlin book, you will find an awful lot to laugh about in *Napalm & Silly Putty*. Sure, he's got a few old routines in here (not nearly as many as others have suggested), but if, like me, you haven't heard them in 20 years, you'll find them funny all over again. The sections on sports and death are particularly hilarious, and the Short Takes have many gems ("The reason I talk to myself is that I'm the only one whose answers I accept;" "When Ronald Reagan got Alzheimer's Disease, how could they tell?"). It may not be as good as *Brain Droppings*, but this is still a very funny book by one of the most creative comic minds of the past century. Read it and laugh.

George Carlin is without a doubt one of the best comedians of all time. If you enjoy hearing his comic mayhem on CDs or seeing him live, you'll fall in love with "*Napalm & Silly Putty*". Filled with humor, both new and old, this book has just about everything from airplane announcements to expressions that make no sense; from life to death; from organ donors and random thoughts; and a whole lot more! Also, this book contains short takes just like from "*Brain Droppings*". This book will have you laughing out loud and begging for more. This book will offend people who despise others for thinking on their own and voicing their opinions, hypochondriacs, and people with no sense of humor. As for the rest of you, buy this book!! It's a must have for any Carlin fan.

The great thing about George Carlin, is that no matter how old he gets (and he would like that I call him old, as he says in the book "simple language"), he never loses that edge. Carlin is not for everyone. Many people might be offended by his ideas..., but then they aren't meant to buy this book. What I love about him is how he believes there are no sacred cows. He makes you shift in your seat as you realize how idiotic some things you do are--and cry with laughter when you realize how brilliant he can be. Perhaps the funniest parts are the one liners. Although his musings on abortion, religion, and "simple language" are grand. Some of this stuff will make you cringe--but he NEVER compromises. That is what makes him so amazing. This book makes you re-examine this American life and see it as nothing more than absurd. This guy gets it right.

George Carlin is one of the few things my dad and I have in common (which gets him bonus points because my dad and I are as similar as night and day). Napalm and Silly Putty essentially covers all areas of his ranting - religion, airline safety, the government, and others - with nothing really \*new\*. However, the rants themselves have been updated and redone to cover new areas of complaint. This probably isn't the best work he's done, but I think it's awesome nonetheless. I highly recommend it for any Carlin fan. However, if you have "Your Are All Diseased" on CD, it's nothing new, but it includes more things that aren't on the CD. Buy it to complete or start a collection and I think you'll be amused.

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